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SUBJECT: STATUS OF SINDONA EXTRADITION REQUEST

REF: STATE 54538

1. SINDONA NOW UNDER FEDERAL GRAND JURY SUBPOENA IN FRANKLIN BANK CASE. US ATTORNEY IN NEW YORK HOLDS SINDONA'S PASSPORT AND SINDONA MUST REPORT HIS WHEREABOUTS DAILY TO ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

2. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS THE GOI EXTRADITION REQUEST AND IS PREPARING A REPLY TO THE GOI THROUGH STATE WHICH EXPLAINS SEVERAL TECHNICAL, LEGAL DEFICIENCIES IN THE REQUEST, INTER ALIA, THE DOCUMENTS ARE UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT THE ITALIAN CHARGES ARE AGAINST SINDONA AND WHAT ARE THE CHARGE(S) RELATING TO THE EXTRADITION REQUEST; THERE IS NO IDENTITY EVIDENCE, E.G., PHOTOS OF SINDONA PROVING HE IS THE MAN REFERRED TO IN THE REQUEST.

3. FYI: A DECISION TO TRY SINDONA IN THE US WILL BE MADE ONLY AFTER THE GRAND JURY REPORTS. IF THE US DECIDED NOT TO TRY SINDONA, THEN ONCE THE EXTRADITION DOCUMENTATION WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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IN ORDER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD ASK A FEDERAL COURT

TO ISSUE A WARRANT. SINDONA WOULD THEN HAVE THE OPPORTUN-
ITY TO FIGHT EXTRADITION. END FYI. KISSINGER

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